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SUBJ: GAO SHIPMENTS

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1. RAILWAY OFFICIALS AND FREIGHT FORWARDER HAVE NOW JOINED WFP REP IN COMPLAINING ABOUT OPAM PRACTICE OF WEIGHING EACH BAG UPON DISCHARGE IN GAO. THIS PRACTICE APPARENTLY CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DELAYS THUS DISCOURAGING TRUCKERS FROM MAKING GAO RUN.

2. RE PARA 2 REF B, PRACTICE OF WEIGHING EACH 100 LB BAG IN SHIPMENTS RUNNING THOUSANDS OF TONS CERTAINLY NOT NORMAL IN RELIEF OR COMMERCIAL FOOD OPERATIONS. SUGGEST THAT IF OPAM UNWILLING TO ACCEP WEIGHT STAMPED ON BAGS, IT BE REQUESTED TO RECEIPT NUMBER OF BAGS RECEIVED PERHAPS WITH SOME SUCH CAVEAT AS "SAID TO CONTAIN 100 LBS". IF OPAM CONTINUES TO INSIST ON WEIGHING EACH BAG, FEAR THAT NO TRUCKERS WILLING GO TO GAO WILL BE FOUND ONCE WORD OF THE DELAYS TO BE EXPECTED THERE GETS AROUND.
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